

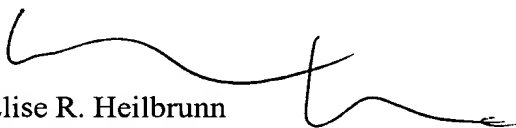
REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9-41 under 35 USC §102. The claims have been amended to further clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention, as discussed in the telephone interview on March 28, 2006. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce claims of the same or similar scope as those previously cancelled or amended. Claims 48-53 have been added. Claims 9-32, 36, 38, 40, and 42-53 are now pending.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are patentable over the cited art. If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. ACTUP006).

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